

(B) *Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited*

The details regarding time frame, locations, finance and other things of the project is in initial stages and its modalities are being worked out in respect of MTNL, Delhi.

Bill collection facility at Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe

1735. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided by MTNL counter at Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe;

(b) whether it is a fact that the telephone bill collection facility is not made available at the said counter for the customers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the above said facility will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Following facilities are being provided by MTNL counter at Parliament House Annexe:

(i) Sale of VCC Card.

(ii) STD/ISD/PCO

(iii) Registration of Mobile Phone 'Dolphin'.

(iv) Registration of New Telephone Connection.

(b) to (d) Bill collection facility through cheque only has been started from 06.08.2001.

Revenue collected from private telecom operators

1736. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue collected from private telecom operators for the last one year;

(b) whether all the cellular services in various sectors have been commissioned;

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(c) if so, the names of the companies who have failed to commission the cellular services after obtaining licence; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, a sum of Rs. 804.98 crores have been realised towards licence fee for the period 01.07.2000 to 30.06.2001 from private cellular mobile telephone operators. In addition, a sum of Rs. 68.59 crores has been realised from them towards wireless spectrum charges for the same period.

(b) to (d) Out of the private companies who hold Cellular Mobile Service Licences as at present, only one Company namely, M/s. Hexacom India Limited have not started their Cellular Services in North-Eastern Telecom Circle yet. All other companies have started operations in one or more places in licence Service Areas. M/s. Hexacom have informed that due to difficult law and order situation, they could not start their operations in North-Eastern Telecom Circle. A decision was taken to allow additional time as required by the licensee Company to start the service in view of the prevailing circumstances.

Filling up the vacancies in Department of Post and Telegraph

1737. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total labour force in different categories in various departments of Post and Telegraph as on December 31st, 1998, 1999 and 2000; and

(b) the number of vacancies arose and filled up during these three years in each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The total number of employees in different categories in the Department of Posts as on 31st December, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and the number of vacancies that arose and filled up during these three years in each category in the Department of Posts is given in Statement-I (*See below*).